



STATE OF WASHINGTON
Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
SOLE SOURCE POSTING

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The Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation contemplates awarding a sole source contract to HistoryLink.org to “produce and share materials that explore the history of waterfront park and Seattle’s central waterfront.”

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation is required to provide funding “solely for a nonprofit dedicated to providing an online statewide historical encyclopedia” as appropriated for state fiscal year 2023 by the Washington State Legislature in the 2022 Supplement Operating Budget (ESSB 5693 Sec. 149).

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation will enter into a one year contract with HistoryLink.org. The contract will be issued on or after July 1, 2022 and will continue for one year, expiring on June 30, 2023. The cost of this one year contract is \$100,000. The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation cannot extend the contract unless additional funding becomes available by the Legislature in the 2023-25 Biennium Operating Budget. The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation does not anticipate additional funding being added to the contract at this time.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state’s requirements within five (5) working days of this announcement.

Capability statements should address the following stated requirements:

- Experience managing, maintaining, and promoting an online encyclopedia of Washington State history to a broad audience;
- Conducted extensive original research of Seattle’s Central Waterfront from time immemorial to present day; and
- Be a nonprofit organization that employs or contracts with experienced historians who have made published significant amounts of academic and scholarly research on various topics pertaining to Washington State history.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state’s intent to make a sole source award of the contract. To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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